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The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State of West Virginia met at Phil in age from eighty to ninety years, venerable men who have come down from a former generation. Thou sands of other visitors rallied around them and the town was profusely hat not for long decorated with the national colors and Philippi kept open house for a gay and festive week.

An invitation was sent to me be present and as I was a pure bred rebel 1 was highly complimer ted and it made me feel like the war was over. Philippi has always, been a friendly city to me but it is true that the last time that my father was troops were swept back by the charge of the Union forces in the cold grey dawn of June 3, 1861, known as the battle of Philippi, the first battle of the Civil War. That battle 1 have recently detailed in an article and I will not repeat the story here, but there are some other matters in regard to the local history of that perflous occasion that I want to make the subject of this narrative, espe ctally for the reason that I was prevented from giving them in the,ad dress that 1 attempted to make to the multitude assembled in the big church at Philippi, with the veterans on the front seats. When I was arrested, so to speak.

Arrived at Philippi after an easy journey over a perfect road, I found that Governor Gore and I had been starred for the evening. I found it rough sledding at the start but after 1 had convinced the veterans that 1 had surrendered fully without mental reservation, the atmosphere got a little better, but after about twenty minutes, I got the hook .. The aged presiding officer who was holding the other troops. watch on me, was a very good impersonation of Old Father Time, with his whiskers shaved off. and I had not recognized him at first. As soon

that I did not have an opportunity a distinguished lawyer who them lived any distinctive uniforms and it is a to go into the history of Bailey Brown at the place. This is the Car-fact that the independent companies the first soldier to fall in the Civil lisle who was so prominent in the riding north over the turnpikes had

Grafton. There is a woeful dearth by the restored government in 1861 organize them into an army. of written history surrounding the The name of the town was soon At Fetterman at that time there sacrifice of Balley Brown, .of Taylor changed to Philippi. county, that ought to be supplied

After I was called down from the bour Grays and the Mountain Guards ed by G H F Kunst, whose farm After I was called down from the bour Grays and the Mountain Guards of by G if F Runso, whose faith we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs pulpit, Governor Gore made a most as the companies were called. Speech house overlooks that part of the city Perry for their kindness and their elequent oration of twenty minutes as were made by Captain Reger. Cap of Grafton which was once Fetter-

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES who adhered to the State as against carrying the Stars and Stripes. the Union mustered their men at the May 27 Evacuated Grafton and ment is well deserved and will set at courthouses, to find that when they campel at Fatterman. Some soldiers rest all dissension on the subject. their lives. It was the groundswell Others that an overwhelming Union working. In other counties, leaders army was on the way. would go from farm to farm Bisting May 28. All southern troops fell oyal young men for companies, and back to Philippi and to points farther mish with federal troops under Lieu

this was the proceeding in Taylor south. county Taking the Allegheny moun June 2. Sundays Order to mirch tain as the natural division line, the summ as 5 5 m. Pickets and seuticounty of Taylor is in the fourth ther, sels were drawn in but nigit was so and the counties of Pocahontas. Ran inclement an account of a heavy sum ipiph and Barbour were controlled mer rain, that troops did not reave on election day, May 23, 1861, by the their shelter. ed there sixty seven veterans ranging Virginia troops. Taylor the rest June I About break of day southcounty was first in the lightly of one erm proops retired in disorder before side and then the other. Grafton a sharp attack of Union troops under was the farthest north that the con K-ily and Dumont. Your attention is called to Wednes

federate troops ever controlled and day. May 22, the day before the The student should, bear in mind election. On that morning, there shat this disputed territory was the were no southern troops in the courlirect cause of, the encounter which ty of Taylor. Be ruiting for the cost Balley Brown his life. The independent comparies that countles from Taylor to the north and

marched across the Allegheng to fem to the west. dezvous at Grafton were to be for med Captain Daniel Wils n was at into regiments after they arrived at Grafton. He had received his comwheir destination. Pocabontas comm mission of captain two days before, ty was solidly confederate where the May 20. He set out to o ganize a Staunton & Parkersburg Turnplike company, which was afterwards to occasion was when the Virginia crossed it. Rando'ph county was be Company B of the 2 d Virginia strong (or secession, and Barbour was Infantry, later to be known as the divided on the issue, but by election Fifth W. Va Cavalry Volunteers, a day, Thursday, May 22, 1861, so moted fighting unit under both names many southern troops had reacousd it is also known as Col. Latham's Philippi, that the south, stem id to regiment Among the battles it was control the county of Barbour with im were Elkwater, Cheat Mountain, The fate of the Union hung in the Dowell, Kelly's Ford, White Sulphur

out a dissenting voice. balance on Thursday, but when it ap- Sgrings, Waterloo Bridge, Groveton, peared that at least thirtylear coun Buil Eun, Droop Mountain, Salem les of Virginia, voting on the ords raid, Cord Mountain, and Lynch nance of secession had given about dury expedition under Hunter.

forty thousand against it to four. Wilson rode through Fetterman thousand for it, McClellan put has May 22 to Pruntytown, the county armies in motion, and issued a procis sent, where he met a number of vol nation to all Union men to stand untairs who signed up for Service in firm that he was coming his company, among them being Barbour county in the meantime Bailey Brown, of Taylor county. That

ad recruited two southern compa was federal day in Pruntytown Then ules, and Friday, May 24, was the for something like a week immediate day set to present the flags. A Place if following it was held by the con hontas company was there under federates who were made welcome Captain D A. Stofer. This was the and entertained and fed by those who

company that called themselves the leaned towards secession. Pocahontas Rescuerk, motivatived at After the day spent in recruiting Huntersville: Also a company from and before the, oath had been admin Pocahontas county under Captain istered to the volunteers, after sun Andrew G. McNeel. And numerous down. Captain Wilson | left Bruntytown to return to Grafton for the Barbour county was formed in sight taking with him his body

1843 from Randolph, Harrison and guard Battey Brown. Lewis. The county seat was estab About dusk, they reached Fetter lished at Boothe's Ferry, and the man and found that during the day name changed to Phillips, in honor that it had been occupied by southsubsided And that was the reason of the daughter of John S Carlis'e. era troops It was before there were War. A part of the services of the formation of the State of West Vir no regimental organizations further week was the unveiling of a hand ginia, and who was one of the first than that Col. Porterfield was the some monument to Bailey Brown, at two United States senators elected ranking officer whose duty it was to

Flag day, May 24, was largely at- stream that comes down to the river tended. The flags were for the Bar- at that place fron the farm now own

died a soldier's death. The monu

called on them to fall in for Virgimia, said because there was not level land. On May 27, 1804, five days after that they, the officers, had to five for enough at Grafton to dril: the troops the first armed confederate soldier was Captain Christian Roberts who was killed at Glovers Gap in a skir

The next wick Private Piares, of the Pendleton Minute Men," under Captain David Anderson, died of pneumonia and was buried with military honors at Philippi, May 31. Time is the sovareign physician of our passions and the bitterness of the war between the states has passed away. The North was a great victor and the South was a good loser 'The North is North, and the South is South, and never the twain shall

meet, Until they both stand presently at God's great Judgement Seat: But there is no. North, and there is no South, no border, nor bread, nor

birth. When two brave men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth

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at an early age and he has developed. into a leader of men, capable of performing all the functions of a great executive including royal rage, if the occasion demands it. In order to understand the case of

Bailey Brown who enlisted in what Second Virginia Infantry (Loyal) and the north and the south ward from Brown to halt, but no attention was who was killed by a Confederate solknown as the 25th Virginia, before At this point the Tygart River makes and the order was repeated. Wilson he, the said Balley Brown had taken the oath as a volunteer, it will be scene of action in those the first days of the Civil War.

Everything was in confusion in the northwest countles of West Virginia in May, 1861, and Grafton, where the Baltimore and Ohio Railway forked was the objective point for the armies of the North and of the South .

. In eastern Virginia, the leading men could not realize that the ordinance of secession would not be ac cepted by the people of the Western Waters. Even after Col. Porterfield had reported to General R E. Lee that the militia had declared itself

that it was necessary to send such ! without soldiers. troops, and ordered Porterfield to find troops in the northwestern ton but finds no soldiers there.

counties.

Lincoln's call for volunteers, that is 200 soldiers with orders to reach the decision that every member of Grafton by the day of election the militia was called to make What May 16 Porterfield reports to Gen might be called bringing it nome to R. E. Lee that he has no troops at soldier in a battle in company with the individual. Virginia's quota of Grafton but the volunteers were orthe first call for troops was 2340, and ganizing. when the requisition came, Governor Letcher made a formal refusal of the the chances of organizing a southern

demand. The troops in the eastern army in that part of Virginia were commonwealth of Virginia, follow- and spent the week end in Phi ippt ing their leaders who had dominated There he met a company from Rocked, most of the counties divid-for the Union. The ordinance of secession was by the second and camped there. Other The ordinance of secession was by the second and camped there. Other The ordinance of secession was by the second and camped there. Other GEO. H. HEFNER

The ordinance of secession was by over a thousand strung cut from its terms to be submitted to the pop-ular vote at an election to be held Webster to Fetterman. May 23, 1861, but it is apparent that May 25. Marched the mile or two No-trespassing, either by hunting. the state administration did not walt to Grafton and camped there. Found fishing, senging, or any other manner to be advised by a vote on the subject that town hostile to secession Young on the fullowing lands: Hevener farm Early in May 1861, recruiting officers girls marched by his armid camp near Cass; Warwick Hacking, Stony were sent to Grafton, Wheeling, and Parkersburg. It was not until June 20, 1861, that Peirpoint was elected and took the oath of office as governor of the restored government of Vin ginla, and on the 21st, made his de, mand upon the United States to be given the power to organize troops, which authority was granted in a few days and the enrollment of troops for the Union in Western Virginia proceeded in due form. It will be seen then that two months or more had elapsed between the secession of Virginia and the date of Pierpoint's inauguration; and it was during this time that the drums beat for the formation of companies at the in stance of brave and courageous men, which companies were to form the numerous regiments that West Virginia contributed to the Union

These recruiting parties took various forms. In some counties officers

duration on the heroes before him tain sturms, Rev. Mr. Rives, and man. The Rockbridge company was and the country that they had saved Lieutenant John R. Phiellips. On lodged in a church at that place. At The Governor came to the kingship the next day there was amother big the bridge were two Rockbridge solsouthern meeting at which time diers, Daniel W. S. Knight and speeches were made by Gem. Wm: George Glenn, of Capta in Robinson's Skeene, Captain Stiofer, and Judge confederate company, afterwards a Samuel Woods. The two Barborn part of the 25th Virginia Infantry. companies were leaving for Grafton, They were on sentinel duty armed fifteen miles.

the river towards Clarksburg.

town was once called Williamsport.

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with fint lock muskets loaded with In Taylor county, adj ining Bar burkshot. The sentinels ordered Wilson and bour on the north, the ascendency of day to day ... The new town of Graf pabi to the command . They contin ton was built at the forks of railroad, used to advance towards the sentinels a right angle turn to the west. The and Brown advanced, and when close

river flows north as a general direct. to the sentinels. Brown i ed on them ion The railroad coming in from with his revolver shooting Knight ing up to the affair, a skirmish with the east strikes the river at this bend through the ear. The fire was re the outpost, and the condition of the and the Wheeling branch follows the turned by both the sentinels, and river twenty-two miles to Fairmonit. Brown was shot through the heart and the Parkersburg brancis crosses and dist alm s; instantly A ball cut off the heel of Captain Wilson's

At that time Pruntytown on the moot Brown fell on the little wood Clarksburg road was the county seat, en bridge. On the Saturday follow about six' miles away. Between the ing my fataer a volunteer chaplain of two was the important commany all the confederate forces, noted in his lage of Fetterman Grafton has grown diary that the blood of the dead sol until it has absorbed Fetterman and dier was plain to be seen on the

is reaching out for Prustytown This bridge. And so passed Balley Brown the first soldier to fall in the Civil War Here is a short schedule of the This distinction is disputed and there. occupation of the Grafton Fetterman has teen some doubt in the minds of some students of history, but a dare May 4 Porterfield ordered to Graf ful examination of the dates and the from the east, Lee would not believe May 10. Col. Boykin at Grafton facts of the case give Balley Brown killed in Baltimore , were killed by May 14. Porterfield arrives at Grafrioters. Some difficulty has been made because Battey Brown's name May 15. Captain Felix H. Hull or-The crisis had come with President dered to march from Monterey with does not appear on any roll of soldiers whether Paul Revere was an enlisted man. He was an accepted volunteer

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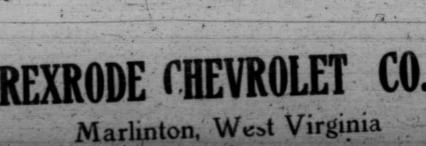
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